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North American Indigenous Games begin July 2 (06/06/28)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - Aboriginal Team New Brunswick will participate in the sixth North American Indigenous Games being held in Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo., beginning July 2. Local Government Minister Rose-May Poirier, who is also minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, will be in attendance.

"As minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, I am very proud that New Brunswick is participating in the North American Indigenous Games," Poirier said. "I look forward to attending the games and cheering on the New Brunswick team as the athletes make their communities and the province proud."

The Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat and the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport provided a provincial contribution of about $110,000 in support for the New Brunswick team.

The North American Indigenous Games celebrate the sport and culture of indigenous peoples across North America. Recognized by the Aboriginal Peoples and governments of Canada, and by tribal nations throughout the United States, the 2006 North American Indigenous Games will take place July 2-9.

The games offer competition in 16 sports for athletes of all abilities between the ages of 13-22. About 6,000 to 8,000 athletes and 40,000 to 50,000 supporters and spectators are expected to take part in the eight-day event.

Aboriginal Team New Brunswick is comprised of 64 athletes, coaches, managers, chaperones and mission staff, and the delegation will be competing in seven of the 16 sports.

"As part of the Five in Five Initiative, the Government of New Brunswick is committed to increasing sport, recreation and healthy active living within the province," said Wellness, Culture and Sport Minister Percy Mockler. "Participating in an event of this nature assists the goal of becoming the wellness province by having the biggest increase in physical fitness participation in Canada within five years."

For more information, visit the 2006 North American Indigenous Games website.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A list of members of Aboriginal Team New Brunswick follows. MEDIA

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Basketball

Chris George, coach; Robert Ward, manager, Metepenagiag First Nation; Corey Arsenault, Dalhousie; Brandon Augustine, Elsipogtog First Nation; Joseph Augustine, Elsipogtog First Nation; Corey Barnaby, Listucuj; Deven Condo, Listucuj; Darian Martinez, Mi'Kmaq; Drew Perley, Maliseet; Jordan Perley, Maliseet; Joseph Paul Simon, Elsipogtog First Nation; Lucas Ward, Metepenagiag First Nation.

Swimming

Sherri Paul-Bartlett, coach, Woodstock First Nation; Colleen Harquail, manager, Mi'kmaq; Dylan Bartlett, Woodstock First Nation; Alicia Harquail, Mi'Kmaq; Alishia Caplin, Eel River Bar First Nation.

Golf

Derek Mulcahy, coach, Dalhousie; Glen Caplin, manager, Eel River Bar First Nation; Shawn Moffatt, Eel River Bar First Nation; Remi Paradis, Eel River Bar First Nation.

Boxing

Terry Richardson, coach, Eel River Bar First Nation; Kenneth Roy, manager; Matthew Richardson, Eel River Bar First Nation; Kyle Brimsacle-Caplin, Eel River Bar First Nation; Joseph Ward, Metepenagiag First Nation.

Wrestling

Jason Lewis, coach; Darlene Augustine, manager, Elsipogtog First Nation; Sharon Augustine, Elsipogtog First Nation; Julian Paul, Elsipogtog First Nation; Kristen Daigle, Elsipogtog First Nation; Jonah Simon, Elsipogtog First Nation; James Simon, Elsipogtog First Nation; Storm Miller, Elsipogtog First Nation.

Softball

David Copage, coach, Elsipogtog First Nation; Brian Paul, coach, Elsipogtog First Nation; Dawn Levi, manager, Elsipogtog First Nation; Christina Augustine, Elsipogtog First Nation; Robyn Augustine, Metepenagiag First Nation; Shyla Augustine, Elsipogtog First Nation; Megan Levi, Elsipogtog First Nation; Donna Milliea, Elsipogtog First Nation; Teela Milliea, Elsipogtog First Nation; Mallory Paul, Elsipogtog First Nation; Claudia St.-Coeur, Burnt Church First Nation; Savannah Simon, Elsipogtog First Nation; Holly Jane Sock, Elsipogtog First Nation; Angel Ward, Metepenagiag First Nation; Lauren Ward, Metepenagiag First Nation.

Tae Kwon Do

Brad Paul, coach, Saint Mary's First Nation; Mason Paul, Saint Mary's First Nation; Riley Paul, Saint Mary's First Nation; Theo Bennett, Saint Mary's First Nation; Peter Polches, Saint Mary's First Nation.

Mission Staff

Jake Caplin, chef de mission, Eel River Bar First Nation; Michael Ward, assistant chef de mission,

Metepenagiag First Nation; Richard Bernard, Tobique First Nation; Peggy Brimsacle, Eel River Bar First Nation.

Chaperones

Anne Levi, Elsipogtog First Nation; Shawn McBain, Eel River Bar First Nation. (Note: McBain is also a cultural delegate.)

Athletics

Shelley Germain, coach; Raven Germain; Chelsea Germain; Kaylea Germain.

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